

THRUSHES.

It is not good news-days for a man to offer his hand if there's nothing in it.

—Boy, how did you manage to get such a big string of fish? I looked them sir, and the boy.

A Danbury boy never wears wading in his ears when at work, so as not to distract his neighbors.

—Josh Billings says it is impossible for a man to do anything well when a flea is about except to swear.

—A girl fashionable in taste but poor in her pocket says she never realized her necessities, until she got a husband.

—A New York marine reporter observes that the ocean is white with the wrinkles of outward bound clergymen.

—The ladies find fault with the new postal cards because there isn't room enough on them for a postscript.

—A man was boasting that he had been married twenty years and had never given to his wife a cross word. Those who know him say he didn't dare to, but he never mentioned it.

—Jenny, said a Scotch minister, stooping from his pulpit, have you got a peep about me? Yes, minister. Then stick it into that deepening hump 'tis a man at your wife.

A Wisconsin cheese-maker is manufacturing a brand of cheese which he has named Truth. That cheese will no doubt have a great run, as Truth is mighty and will prevail.

—A man who married a bosom Irish girl greatly to the horror of his mother and sister, made the following defense:—If I married an American girl I must have an Irish girl to take care of her, and I cannot afford to support both of them.

—There is something interesting in observing two women talking at each other; but when two old ladies, whose front teeth are gone, curl the lip of scorn, the effect is very depressing.

—A Carlisle, Ill., girl, who recovered \$10 from a young fellow for kissing her against her will, offered him the money back again in a few days afterwards if he would do it again.

—A Roaring Branch, Pa., woman has peeled over 200 pounds of bark this summer, besides twice peeling the bark of her husband's nose because he made love to the milkmaid.

—A lady returning from an unprofitable visit to church declared that when she saw the gawds of those Smiths, and then thought of the things her own poor girls had to wear, if it wasn't for the consolation of religion she did not know what she should do.

—Washerwoman (to small boy, who has brought a very dilapidated shirt)—Tell your mother if she sends this 'ere again, I shall wash it in two. Small boy (equal to the occasion)—Very sorry mom I'm sure, but I don't think mother would mind if you washed it into half a dozen.

—An assistant to one of our barbers lost his place, Sunday morning, for trying to engage in conversation a customer whose mouth was full of tobacco. The unfortunate man finally made an attempt to respond, and in doing so nearly lost his life by strangulation, besides demolishing three dollars worth of hair oil and bay rum, and putting his foot through a new mirror.

—A Danbury man's order for his wife's hat is a novelty in its way. She was sick and couldn't go for the hat, so he drove in himself. He told the milliner to put on a dollar worth of parsley fifty cents worth of string beans, ten cents worth of green currants, a beet or two, a little green gooseberry and about three slices of turnips, or if it was too early for turnips, make it two new potatoes instead.

—Mr. Spurgeon is credited with the following, which if not true is ben trovato: He is said to have been taken to task by some Sabatianian since he has found it necessary to employ a brougham to take him to church.

But he argued, I only sit still in the carriage—I don't work.

Ah, goes, said the other: but your carriage—think of him!

On he goes, and keeps the seventh day Sabbath.

But your horse?

Oh, said Spurgeon, getting a little impatient, he is a few too!

—A Canadian not long ago, was called upon by an Irish girl, who inquired how much he paid for marrying anybody.

He replied, A dollar and a half, and kindly departed.

A few evenings later, on being summoned to the door, he was accosted by the same person, with the remark that she had come to be married.

Very well, said the minister: but perceiving with astonishment that she was alone he continued, where is the man? An expression of disappointment and chagrin to ludicrous to be described passed over Biddy's features, as she ejaculated:

And don't you find a man for a dollar and a half?

—Many years ago, up the Green Mountains, Parson Shepard had a deacon by the name of Tucker, who sat under the pulpit with the other deacons. In those days the pulpit was not much larger than a marin-box, and was high up the walls very near the ceiling and just under it on the floor sat all the deacons as watchful and severe as so many sentinels expecting an attack. Deacon Tucker was a hard working man through the week, and was dreadfully prone to fall into slumber on Sundays. Shepard has often labored with the deacons, begging him to overcome his infirmity, but to no purpose: for just as soon as the sermon began he would fold his eyes in sleep and steal gently away. One very warm day in June, as the pastor was sowing the gospel broadcast in his earnest and graphic manner over the congregation, his eyes rested on the drowsy Tucker. He stopped short in his discourse. Raising the huge Bible above his head, and bending over the devoted deacon, he spoke in awful tones, Deacon Tucker if you won't hear the word you shall feel it, and dashed down on the sleepy-head the ponderous volume. It is due to Deacon Tucker, his heirs and assigns, to say that he never slept in church after that.

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